

# Becca Lipsky

Conductor | Mezzo Soprano

## CONDUCTING EXPERIENCE

**Trinity Episcopal Church - Williamsport, PA**

**September 2022–Present**

### **Head Choral Scholar**

- Responsibilities:
  - Prepared weekly SATB unaccompanied anthems and psalm settings (Anglican chant or Gregorian psalm tone).
  - Occasionally conducted in rehearsal and performance.
  - Served as principal conductor in the absence of Music Director, Dr. Ryan Malone.

**Bucknell University Choir - Lewisburg, PA**

**August 2021–Present**

### **Student Conductor**

- Responsibilities:
  - Served as Assistant Conductor for the University Choir; bi-weekly conducting in rehearsal and both holiday and spring performances.
  - Led sectional rehearsals and tutti rehearsals in the absence of the Conductor.
  - Occasionally assisted in the administrative duties of running the ensemble.
  - Met regularly with the Director of Choral Activities, Caleb Hopkins, to discuss rehearsal techniques and gestures.

**Saint Thomas Church Fifth Avenue - New York, NY**

**Summer, July 2023, July 2024**

### **Girl Chorister Course Choral Scholar/Intern**

- Responsibilities:
  - Conducted both plainchant and hymns in nightly evensong service.
  - Served as a mentor and section leader in the girls choir; contributed to the planning and overseeing group rehearsal and enrichment activities with program directors, Rebecca Kellerman-Filsell and Margaret White.
  - Performed various residential advisor duties; supervising and attending to the physical and mental needs of participants.
- World Premiere: *[At Heaven's Proclamation](#)* (Summer 2023) commissioned by Saint Thomas Church and composed by Jessica French.

## PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE (Choral and Chamber Works)

**Susquehanna Valley Chorale - Lewisburg, PA****October 2021–Present****Professional Section Leader**

- Responsibilities:
  - Performed in four concerts per academic year with occasional small group and soloist opportunities.
- World Premiere: *LOVE* (Fall 2022) commissioned and conducted by Music Director and Conductor, Dr. William Payn.
- Notable Repertoire: G.F. Handel, *Messiah*; Melissa Dunphy, *Amendment: Righting Our Wrongs*, Carol Barnett, *The World Beloved: Bluegrass Mass*.

**Bucknell University Choir - Lewisburg, PA****August 2021–Present**

- Spring 2025 International Tour (Salzburg, Vienna, and Prague) and Spring 2023 Domestic Tour (Washington D.C. and Virginia), conducted by director of Choral Activities, Dr. Caleb Hopkins.
- World Premiere: *Who Walk this Way* (Fall 2024) commissioned for the Bucknell Choir Reunion and conducted by Dr. Caleb Hopkins.
- Notable Repertoire: Ludwig van Beethoven, *Symphony No. 9*; Felix Mendelssohn, *Hear My Prayer*; Gabriel Fauré, *Requiem*; Caroline Shaw, *To the Hands*; Ivor R. Davies, *Prayers from the Ark*

**Bucknell Piano Duo Extravaganza Concert - Lewisburg, PA****April 2024****Quartet Member**

- Notable Repertoire: Johannes Brahms, *Liebeslieder Waltzes*, mezzo soloist.

**Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) Festivals****November 2019–March 2021**

- Various Districts, Regions, All-State, and All-East Festivals (Alto 1).

**PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE (Solo, Musical Theatre, and Opera)****Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival - Pittsburgh, PA****January 2025**

- Musical Theatre Intensive Region 2 Closing Ceremony Ensemble (2025)

**Susquehanna Valley Chorale - Lewisburg, PA****October 2021–Present**

- *POPS: The Best of 30 Years, Part 1*, (2025)
- *POPS: The Music of Stephen Sondheim and Leonard Bernstein*, (2024)

**Bucknell Music Department - Lewisburg, PA****August 2021–Present**

- “*Burning Stars*” *Molly Manhoff’s Senior Voice Recital*, (2025)
- *Scholarship Day & Kalman Research Symposium*, (2025)
- *Graf Fortepiano: Inauguration Concert*, (2025)

- “Love, Becca:” Senior Voice Recital, (2024)
- Junior Voice Recital, (2023)

**Bucknell Theatre and Dance - Lewisburg, PA** **August 2021–Present**

- *Macb\*tches*, (Rachel LaBeau), (2025)
- Music Theatre International (MTI) Candidate Recital, (2024)
- *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*, (Rona/Olive’s Mom), (2024)
- *Anxious People*, (J, et. al.), (2021)

**Bucknell University Choir - Lewisburg, PA** **August 2021–Present**

- Solo Performance: John Corigliano, *Fern Hill*, mezzo soloist; Candlelight Concert, mezzo soloist; Dietrich Buxtehude, *Membra Jesu Nostri*, mezzo soloist.

**Bucknell Voice Lab - Lewisburg, PA** **August 2021–Present**

- *Opera to Sondheim: An American Musical Journey*, (2025)
- *Little Shop of Horrors* (Ronette/Dance Captain), (2022)
- *Hansel and Gretel* (Sandman), (2022)

**Kimmel Center Showstoppers - Philadelphia, PA** **Summer 2017, 2018, 2019**

- *Frozen Jr.* (Ensemble), (2019)
- *The Little Mermaid* (Adrina), (2018)
- *The Wiz* (Ensemble), (2017)

**Arts for Autism Broadway Concert - New York, NY** **Summer, June 2019**

**Dance Captain and Section Leader**

- Prepared music and choreography for weekly rehearsals.
- Led weekly sectionals and choreography review.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**Private Voice and General Music Lessons - Lewisburg, PA** **September 2024–Present**

**Teacher**

- Met weekly or biweekly with students ages 8-21 for weekly lessons on healthy vocal production and technique, or general music skills (i.e. rhythm, steady beat, pitch-matching).
- Coordinated scheduling and payment with students and parents.
- Drafted lesson plans, prepared accompaniment, and created written materials to enrich each lesson.

**Bucknell University - Lewisburg, PA** **August 2024–Present**

**Music Theory Teaching Assistant**

- Coordinated meeting times with students for remedial learning.
- Provided assistance with current and previous theory techniques.
- Reviewed homework and class assignments.

**River Valley Nature School - Lewisburg PA****Fall 2023****Student Thesis Project Participant**

- Taught bi-weekly general music lessons given in a predetermined curriculum for a class of ten Kindergarten students. This work allowed the thesis project's author, Elle Chrampanis, to observe each lesson and take note of behavioral and social patterns.

**Pottstown Regional Public Library - Pottstown, PA****Summer 2021, 2022, 2023****Youth Library Programming Specialist**

- Organized weekly beginner music lessons and sing-a-long storytimes.
- Produced weekly educational media on the library's [YouTube channel](#).
- Coordinated outreach programs to enhance literacy in the community.

**TJX Companies (T.J. Maxx) - Pottstown, PA****October 2018–May 2021****Customer Experience Coordinator (CEC)**

- Promoted a positive and supportive working environment for customers and employees.
- Managed customer concerns and oversaw or assigned tasks for employees.
- Trained new employees in store procedures, customer service, and the online register system.

**First Presbyterian Church - Pottstown, PA****August 2018–June 2021****Young Children and Worship Leader**

- Led weekly worship services for children, ages 5-12.
- Facilitated biblical story-telling, songs, and structured enrichment activities.

**LANGUAGES**

German (Intermediate reading and speaking)

Spanish (Intermediate reading and speaking)

**Performance Experience**

English, French, Latin, Italian, Hebrew, Russian, Lithuanian, Portuguese

**EDUCATION**

**Bucknell University - Lewisburg, PA****August 2021–Present**

Bachelor of Music in Music Education - Class of 2025

Current GPA: 3.9

Vocal Studies with Dr. Caleb Hopkins, Dr. Emily Martin

Music Education and Pedagogy Studies with Dr. Nicholas Roseth

**Pottsgrove High School - Pottstown, PA****August 2017–June 2021**

Class of 2021

Weighted GPA: 4.48

**AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIP****Bucknell University Music Department**

William A. Payn Award for Choral Excellence

- Given to a graduating student who has shown remarkable dedication to the Bucknell University Choir program for the previous 3 years.

**Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival (Region 2)**

[Music Theatre Intensive Nomination](#) (2025)

- Offered to students cast in a musical theatre production at a participating institution for outstanding demonstration of vocal and acting ability.

**Bucknell University**

President's Award for Distinguished Academic Achievement (2023)

- Awarded annually to rising sophomore, junior, and senior students with a cumulative GPA of 4.0.

[Arts Merit Scholarship](#) (2021–2025)

- Renewable need-blind merit scholarship awarded to students pursuing studies in the arts.

**Pottsgrove High School**

National Honor Society (2019–2021)

Ray A. Kroc Youth Achievement Award (National Arts Merit Award)

Distinguished Honor Roll (2017–2021)

Music League Choral Director's Award (2020, 2021)